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For: HIGH-STRENGTH EROSION ELECTRODE

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Group: 1725

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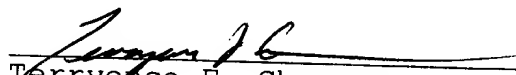
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 30, 2002, Applicants elect Group II, Claims 3-5, with traverse. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the restriction requirement as a search for the elected invention would necessarily entail a search for the non-elected invention. Favorable consideration is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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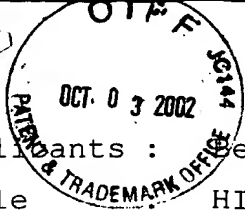
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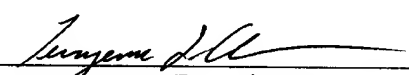
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